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TAGS: SHUM, PEPR, AS, JA

SUBJECT: (U) REACTION TO SENTENCING OF KIM DAE JUNG

1. (U) SUMMARY: GOJ REACTION TO DEATH SENTENCE OF KIM
DAE JUNG HANDLED DOWN BY KOREAN COURT IS OFFICIALLY AND
PUBLICLY ONE OF GRAVE CONCERN AND CAREFUL WATCHFULNESS.

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INITIAL PRESS REPORTS OF POLITICAL
PARTIES' REACTIONS ARE ACTED. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) GOJ REACTION. OFFICIAL AND PUBLIC REACTION IS
ONE OF CONCERN AND WATCHFUL WAITING. CHIEF CABINET
SECRETARY MIYAZAWA TOLD THE PRESS AT HIS 1120 HOURS
PRESS CONFERENCE SEPT. 17 THAT GOJ VIEWED KIM'S SENTENCE
WITH "DEEP CONCERN". DURING FOREIGN MINISTER ITO'S
PRESS CONFERENCE THE SAME DAY, REPORTERS WERE TOLD THAT
KIM'S SENTENCE COULD BE APPEALED TO HIGHER COURTS SO
THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CAREFULLY MONITOR THE SITUATION
THROUGH THE APPEALS PROCESS. MOFA NORTHEAST ASIA
(KOREA) DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAKAMOTO'S REACTION,
AS EXPRESSED TO EMOFF, WAS IDENTICAL: MOFA WILL

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CONTINUE TO EXPRESS IT'S CONCERN AND WAIT FOR THE OUT-
COME OF THE APPELLATE PROCESS.

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4. (U) POLITICAL PARTIES' REACTION. SEPT. 17 AFTER-
NOON PRESS REPORTS REACTIONS TO KIM'S SENTENCING BY
THE LDP, JSP, KOMEI, DSP, AND JCP. LDP DEPUTY SECRETARY
GENERAL AURIHARA IS QUOTED TO THE EFFECT THAT, THOUGH
THE SENTENCE IS TOO SEVERE, THE TRIAL IS NOT OVER UNTIL
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THE APPEALS PROCESS IS COMPLETED. THEREFORE, THE LDP
WILL WATCH FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS "WITH DEEP INTEREST AND
CONCERN." THE JCP'S STANDING PRESIDUM'S STATEMENT
"SEVERELY RENOUNCES THE CHUN DOO HWAN FACIST GOVERN-
MENT'S CRIMINAL ACT AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT'S
COMPLICITY IN IT." THE SOCIALISTS (JSP) ARE REPORTED
AS SAYING THAT THE COURT'S DECISION VIOLATES THE
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ROKG AND GOJ, AND THEY
CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO RECALL AMBASSADOR SANOBE
AND TO SUSPEND BILATERAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION. KOMEI TO
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU CHIEF KUROYANAGI CALLED THE DEATH
SENTENCE "EXTREMELY REGRETTABLE," AND DEMANDED THAT
THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE "ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS" TO
SAVE KIM'S LIFE. REFLECTING CLOSE TIES WITH THE LDP,
DSP REACTION WAS SIMILAR TO THAT OF LDP, ITS STATEMENT
READING "THE TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG WILL GO THROUGH
SECOND AND THIRD STAGES. IN THE PRESENT SITUATION,
IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO DRAW ANY CONCLUSIONS. WE REQUEST
THAT THE ROK GOVERNMENT SECURE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AT
THE FINAL STAGE OF THIS PROBLEM."

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